(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1400 candidates were selected against Group D vacancies in the Mechanical and Diesel Wings.

(c) and (d) 164 of the panel mentioned in reply to part (b) above could not be offered appointment. Apart from the recruitment referred to in parts (a) and (b) above, there was another selection held for Group D posts in the Electrical Wing of the Golden Rock Workshop and finalised in October, 1984, in which 111 candidates were selected but 47 candidates could not be appointed during the currency of the panel i.e. till October, 85. These 211 (164 plus 47) candidates could not be offered appointment as vacancies were not available for their appointment during the courrency of the respective panels.

Love Affairs among Flight Crew

2595. SHRI A.G KULKARNI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent article which appeared in 'India Today' dated 15th October, 1987 in connection with the circular issued by the Civil Aviation Ministry and Airlines to take certain measures to curb love-affairs among the crew; and

(b) whether the concerned Airlines or the Ministry has undertaken any study of factual information as the effect of such circular creates doubt in the minds of travelling public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No air accident has been attributed to extramarital relationship of Pilots and Airhostesses.

Memorandum submitted by Indian Railways Users Association

2596. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum submitted by Indian Railways Users Association for removing difficulties of rail journey and providing better facilities to passengers,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in the matter in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir A memorandum dated 9-2-1986 of Bhartiya Railway Upbhokta Sangh, Gaya was received through different sources including Shri Vijay Kumar Singh, Minister of State Finance, Science and Technology, Bihar.

(b) and (c) The memorandum contained demands for the following:

1 Construction of a number of new lines and conversion of MG lines into BG in Bihar.

2. Introduction of new mail/express trains, extension/diversion/change in timings/increase in frequency of trains

3. Provision of adequate drinking water at railway stations and for colony workers.

4. Provision of electricity at the railway stations and in staff quarters of Indian Railways.